

REMARKS

This patent application presently includes Claims 1-24 which are subject to a restriction requirement. Claim 17-23 have been indicated as directed to non-statutory subject matter and, accordingly, have been amended so as to cover statutory subject matter, while retaining their dependence from Claim 1.

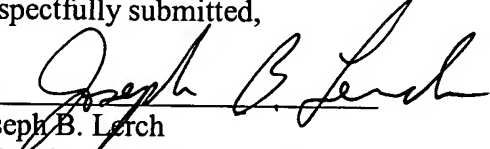
In response to the restriction requirement, the applicant has elected Claims 1-4 and 17-23 for prosecution in the present patent application.

Moreover, Claim 17-23 are properly addressed to a food product, which constitutes statutory subject matter.

Substantive examination at the earliest possible date is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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